

CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 71 (previously canceled).

Claim 72 (currently amended): A remote information downloading device for wireless access to and downloading of vehicle information from a remote, on-board, vehicle incident recording system, the downloading device comprising:

at least one interface communicating with and remotely accessing and receiving incident data from the vehicle incident recording system;
an information datalink coupled to said interface for transferring said received incident data from said interface; and
a transceiver coupled to said information datalink for accessing, receiving, downloading, and transmitting said vehicle information from the vehicle incident recording system,
wherein said interface is a transceiver that includes a download trigger for initiating downloading of information from said recording system; and
wherein said interface is a limited access interface.

Claim 73 (previously added): The device of claim 72 further including an information storage device coupled to said vehicle incident recording system for capturing and storing said vehicle information.

Claim 74 (previously amended): The device of claim 73 wherein said information storage device is selected from the group consisting of a video tape drive, a CD ROM drive, and a solid state repository.

Claim 75 (previously added): The device of claim 74 wherein said information storage device is adapted to prevent said vehicle information from being overwritten for extended periods of time.

Claim 76 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises identification information.

Claim 77 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises video information.

Claim 78 (previously added): The device of claim 72 further comprising playing means for displaying said vehicle information.

Claim 79 (previously added): The device of claim 78 wherein said playing means comprises a visual display.

Claim 80 (previously added): The device of claim 79 wherein said visual display is adapted for viewing video information.

Claim 81 (previously added): The device of claim 79 wherein said visual display comprises a visual output interface to a display screen.

Claim 82 (previously added): The device of claim 79 wherein said visual display comprises an off-board visual output interface.

Claim 83 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises audio information.

Claim 84 (previously added): The device of claim 78 wherein said playing means is adapted for playing audio information.

Claim 85 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises time information.

Claim 86 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises vehicle dynamic information.

Claim 87 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said vehicle information comprises vehicle control information.

Claim 88 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said download trigger is adapted to respond to the occurrence of a predetermined event.

Claim 89 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said download trigger is adapted to respond to transmitted instructions.

Claim 90 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said download trigger is adapted to require input of an electronic access code.

Claim 91 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said transceiver is adapted to download encrypted information from said recording system.

Claim 92 (previously added): The device of claim 91 wherein said device is further adapted to decrypt said information.

Claim 93 (previously added): The device of claim 74 wherein said information storage device is remotely located from said vehicle.

Claim 94 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said transceiver is adapted to transmit information to an off-site location.

Claim 95 (previously added): The device of claim 94 wherein said transceiver provides a transmission link.

Claim 96 (previously added): The device of claim 95 wherein said transmission link is a direct satellite uplink/down-link.

Claim 97 (previously added): The device of claim 94 wherein said transceiver provides a transmission trigger for initiating transmission of information to an information storage device.

Claim 98 (previously added): The device of claim 97 wherein said transmission trigger is adapted to respond to the occurrence of a predetermined event.

Claim 99 (previously added): The device of claim 97 wherein said transmission trigger is adapted to respond to transmitted instructions.

Claim 100 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said device is adapted for use in a vehicle.

Claim 101 (previously added): The device of claim 100 wherein said vehicle is selected from the group consisting of a police cruiser, an ambulance, a fire truck, and a rescue vehicle.

Claim 102 (previously added): The device of claim 72 wherein said device is adapted for use in a stationary facility.

Claim 103 (previously added): The device of claim 102 wherein said facility is selected from the group consisting of a hospital, a police station, and a fire station.

Claim 104 (canceled).

Claim 105 (currently amended): A method for remotely accessing and downloading stored information from a recording system located on a vehicle, comprising the steps of:

inputting an electronic access code;

- a) remotely activating a downloading device having an interface for accessing and downloading said stored information from said recording system,
- b) remotely receiving and playing said downloaded information; and
- e) displaying said played information.

Claim 106 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising vehicle identification information.

Claim 107 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising video information.

Claim 108 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising audio information.

Claim 109 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising time information.

Claim 110 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising vehicle dynamic information.

Claim 111 (previously added): The method of claim 105, said information comprising vehicle control information.

Claim 112 (previously added): The method of claim 105, including the steps of transmitting said information to an off-site location.

Claim 113 (previously added): The method of claim 112, said transmitting performed via a transmission link.

Claim 114 (previously added): The method of claim 113 wherein said transmission link is a satellite up-link/downlink.

Claim 115 (previously added): The method of claim 105, including capturing and storing said information.

Claim 116 (previously added): The method of claim 115, including storing said information remotely.

Claim 117 (previously added): The method of claim 115, including capturing and storing said information to a device selected from the group consisting of video tape, a hard disk, a CD ROM, and a solid state repository.

Claim 118 (previously added): The method of claim 115, including temporarily preventing said information from being overwritten.

Claim 119 (canceled).

Claim 120 (previously added): The method of claim 105, including encrypting said information.

Claim 121 (previously added): The method of claim 120, including decrypting said information.